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SUBJ: GDR APPROACH ON US TELEVISION FREQUENCY IN BERLIN

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SUMMARY: BRIEF BACKGROUND TO PROBLEM WITH AFN TV TRANSMITTER AT TEMPELHOF CITED REFTEL IS GIVEN BELOW. MISSION UNABLE STATE WITH CERTAINTY WHETHER OPERATION OF GDR TRANSMITTER WILL INTERFERE WITH AFN TRANSMISSIONS. RECOMMEND EMBASSY RAISE QUESTION WITH FRG POSTAL MINISTRY WHICH EVALUATED ISSUE LAST YEAR. END SUMMARY.

1. SUMMARY BACKGROUND TO LETTER LEFT WITH DEPARTMENT BY GDR EMBASSY JANUARY 27 IS AS FOLLOWS: PURSUANT TO 161 STOCKHOLM AGREEMENT, GDR P&T MINISTRY ON 27 JULY 1976 SENT FREQUENCY COORDINATION LETTER TO LANDESPSTDIREKTION BERLIN (LPD) ANNOUNCING INTENT TO ESTABLISH RELAY TRANSMITTER AT EBERSWALDE USING CHANNELS 9 AND 31 (BOTH CCIR/ EUROPEAN STANDARD), ENCLOSING PARAMETER DATA SHEETS FOR TWO SERVICES, AND REQUESTING LPD COMMENTS. FOLLOWING ESTAB-
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LISHED PROCEDURE, LPD SUBMITTED GDR REQUEST TO ALLIED KOMMANDATURA FOR COMMENTS AND THEN TRANSMITTED REQUEST TO FRG POSTAL MINISTRY (BPM) FOR ACTION. ON 13 OCTOBER, BPM REPLIED TO GDR P&T MINISTRY WITH FOLLOWING COMMENT CONCERNING CHANNEL 9 (TRANSLATION): QUOTE IN VIEW OF THE OPERATION BY THE AMERICAN MILITARY ADMINISTRATION SINCE APRIL 1967 OF A TELEVISION TRANSMITTER AT BERLIN-

TEMPELHOF ON CHANNEL 9 (OFFSET "O") AT 1 WATT (ERP) POWER, AGREEMENT CAN BE GIVEN TO THE OPERATION ON THE SAME CHANNEL OF THE PLANNED EBERSWALDE RELAY STATION ONLY ON THE CONDITION THAT A FREQUENCY OFFSET BETWEEN "4P" AND "8P" OR BETWEEN "4M" AND "8M" BE CHOSEN. END QUOTE.

2. IN VIEW OF LOW POWER OF TEMPELHOF TRANSMITTER, WHICH IS INTENDED TO REACH ONLY IMMEDIATE AREA OF TEMPELHOF AIRPORT, IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT IT COULD INTERFERE WITH EBERSWALDE TRANSMISSIONS. NEITHER USG OR LPD TECHNICIANS IN BERLIN HAVE FACILITIES TO SAY FOR CERTAIN WHETHER EBERSWALDE OPERATION ON PARAMETERS ORIGINALLY SPECIFIED BY GDR WOULD INTERFERE WITH TEMPELHOF. THEY PRESUME SOME INTERFERENCE IS TO BE EXPECTED, PARTICULARLY SINCE BPM CLEARED GDR FREQUENCY ONLY ON CONDITION OF ALTERATION OF GDR'S PROPOSED OFFSET. HOWEVER, WE ARE TOLD THAT BPM NORMALLY DOES ITS CALCULATIONS USING "WORST-POSSIBLE-CASE" ASSUMPTIONS. IN ABSENCE OF NECESSARY EXPERTISE HERE, BELIEVE BEST APPROACH MIGHT BE TO ASK BPM VIA FRG BONN GROUP REPRESENTATIVE FOR REALISTIC ASSESSMENT OF INTERFERENCE POTENTIAL, REFERRING TO BPM LETTER OF 13 OCTOBER 1976 REFERENCE 244-3 5043-0/17/2 ADDRESSED TO GDR MINISTRY OF POST AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

3. SEEMS CLEAR TO US THAT GDR IS USING THIS CASE TO SEEK TO DRAW US INTO TALKS ON A BERLIN ISSUE AND TO PLAY DOWN ROLE OF FRG IN BERLIN FREQUENCY COORDINATION. WE ARE TOLD THAT GDR COULD ADJUST THE OFFSET OF ITS PROPOSED CHANNEL 9 TRANSMISSION AS SUGGESTED BY BPM WITH LITTLE CONFIDENTIAL

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INCONVENIENCE IF ITS ONLY INTEREST WERE TO START NON-INTERFERING TRANSMISSION. GEORGE

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